



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9077**  
Yasushi TAKAI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1108A  
Serial No. 09/923,441 : Group Art Unit 1731  
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RARE EARTH HYDROXIDE AND METHOD  
FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I i.e., Claims 1-7, directed to a powder of a rare earth hydroxide or neodymium hydroxide.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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